

# State Of South Dakota

## Office Of The Governor

February 4, 1983, was just another routine night patrol for Officer James Collingwood, until the emergency radio dispatch reported a fire with people trapped in the burning building. He was only seconds away from the address given, and responded with lightning speed.

When he arrived, he was informed that two people were still inside the building which had flames shooting out of the basement windows and smoke rolling out the front door. He called for an ambulance and entered the house. He quickly found 12-year-old Jason Anderson and helped him out of the house. Then, informed that someone else was still inside, he once again entered the home. While he was still inside, they realized that everybody was out and called Officer Collingwood back. He then had to be taken to the hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation.

The greatest acts of bravery involve both mental poise and physical courage. Though Officer Collingwood did not have to enter the burning building, he did so at great personal risk to try to help people he believed were in danger. He truly acted above and beyond the call of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

JAMES COLLINGWOOD

and I join Officer Collingwood's family and friends in saluting his courage in risking his own life to save the lives of others.



ATTEST:

*Alice Kundert*

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

BY *Jay D. Vogt*  
JAY D. VOGT, DEPUTY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

*William J. Janklow*  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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